(b) if so, the State-wise total number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe persons to whom land has been given on lease during the last three years;

(c) whether some applications pertaining to some State Governments particularly Madhya Pradesh are lying pending with the Union Government for giving land on lease basis; and

(d) if so, the time by which these pending cases are likely to be cleared by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d). As far as the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment is concerned, lands are not being allotted on lease basis to anyone including people belonging to SC/ST categories in the States. As regards Delhi, based on the report furnished by the Delhi Development Authority, 50% reservation exists under DDA's Rohini Residential Scheme for persons in these categories. The total number of SC/ST persons to whom plots have been allotted on lease basis during the past three years under this scheme are as under :

Year	No. of Plots Allotted
1993-94	No draw was held.
1994-95	08
1995-96	12

There are no applications from persons beloging to SC/ST categories pending under the scheme as on date.

Allocation to Bihar

4315. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the year-wise amount allotted to Bihar by the Union Government during the last two years;

(b) the amont spent in Purnia division out of that amount;

(c) whether the Government ensure that the allotted amount is utilized in all districts according to the population; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Planning Commission approved an Outlay of Rs. 2400 crores and Rs. 2500 crores under the State Plan for the Annual Plans 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively.

(b) to (d). The Outlays for the Annual Plans are finalised by the Planning Commission in consulation with the State Governments for the State as a whole and no specific allotment of any amount is made to the districts. The Planning Commission does not monitor the expenditure of plan funds district wise.

[English]

Solar Energy in Rural Areas

4316. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to boost the use of solar energy in rural areas;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard and the details thereof;

(c) the areas in which solar energy system is quite successful;

(d) the number of villages benefited with solar energy in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) whether the solar energy can be utilized for irrigation purposes if so, the sucess rate and area can be irrigated by solar system or by non-conventional energy sources like wind etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). The Government is encouraging the use of solar energy through various schemes covering solar photovoltaic and solar thermal energy devices and systems all over the country, including in the rural areas. Incentives provided for this purpose include central subsidy for solar lanterns, domestic lighting systems, street lighting systems, small power plants, solar stills and solar driers. For solar photovoltaic water pumping systems, a package of soft loan and subsidy is being made available. Solar Energy devices and systems are successful in most parts of the country.

(d) Solar energy devices & systems have been installed in over 2000 villages in Andhra Pradesh.

(e) Solar photovoltaic water pumping systems and water pumping windmills have been used successfully for irrigation purposes on a limited scale. An area of about 0.5-2 hectares can generally be irrigated by these devices, depending on the water table, type of crop, etc.

[Translation]

Developed Plots

4317. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the DDA has made available developed plots for those persons whose land was acquired by it;

(b) if so, the number of people who were allotted such plots in the North region from January, 1986 to December, 1991;

(c) whether despite the availability of the developed plots measuring 400 sq. ft. before 1975, all were not given the said plot despite the recommendation of the Land and Building Department of the Delhi Administration;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the effots, if any, being made in this regard to make the plots available to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). DDA has informed that they have been allotting alternative plots to those persons whose land was acquired under the Scheme of Large Scale Acquisition, Development and Disposal of land in Delhi on the recommendation of Government of NCT of Delhi. 57 developed plots have been allotted to the recommendees in the North region from January 1986 to December, 1991.

(c) All the recommendees of 400 sq. yds., whose recommendations were received prior to 1975, have been allotted developed plots.

(d) and (e). In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

[English]

Construction of Multi Storeyed Buildings

4318. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have not formulated any policy to restrict the construction of multi-storeyed buildings on congested cities and roads;

(b) whether the builders are also not adhering rules pertaining to unauthorised constructions;

(c) whether as a result people in the areas have been badly affected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps to be taken to control such illegal constructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir. Urban Development being a State subject, the construction of multi-storeyed buildings in congested cities and roads is regulated under Building By-laws and Development Control Regulations enacted and administered by the State Government;

(b) The degree of adherence to or violation of building rules differs between cities and towns and does not lead itself to any generalisation in this regard. Enforcement of Building By-laws is the responsibility of the concerned State and Local Governments.

(c) and (d). It is not possible to comment on the extent to which citizens of towns/cities are affected on accont of unauthorised constructions in general. However the construction of buildings in violation of the Building Rules is likely to lead to serious problems such as absence of open spaces and green cover, lack of parking facilities, traffic congestion, fire hazards, environmental pollution, etc., which again will depend upon the specific situations of cities/towns. To ensure planned development of urban and rural areas (metropolitan cities, in particular) the Constitution (74th) Amendment Act, 1992 prescribes for the constitution of District and Metropolitan Planning Committees. The State Governments have been advised to constitute such Committees as early as possible and strengthen the legal framework for regulation of urban development.

D.A. To Retired Employees

4319. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether retired Government employees while drawing their pension do not get the same amount of Dearness Allowance which is given to the regular employees who draw salary equal to the amount of the said pension;

(b) if so, the difference between the two amounts of Dearness Allowance given to pensioners and the regular employees in different categories of services; and

(c) the reasons for such disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) The existing rates of Dearness Allowance to serving employee and Dearness Relief to pensioners is based upon the rates or neutralisation on the increases in the price level, as recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission. They are as follows :-

(i) *Dearness Allowance*

Pay	*% neutralisation*
Upto Rs. 3500/-	100%
Rs. 3501 to 6000	75%
above Rs. 6000/-	65%

(ii) *Dearness Relief*

Pension/Family pension	*% neutralisation*
upto Rs. 1750/-	100%
Rs. 1751 to Rs. 3000/-	75%
above Rs. 3000/-	65%